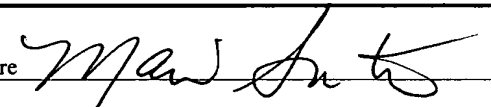


FOR (REV)	TO-1390 2-2004	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>A-71758/MSS (463035-780)</b>
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/565117</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/US2003/021973</b>		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>July 15, 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>July 15, 2003</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>LOADPORT APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR USE THEREOF</b>			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Jeffery Edwards Kowalski, Jr.</b>			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.			
2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.			
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.			
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).			
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.			
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).			
6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> had been communicated by the International Bureau.			
c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.			
d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.			
8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).			
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration (unsigned) of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).			
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).			
<b>Items 11 to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:</b>			
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.			
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included			
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.			
14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.			
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.			
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.			
17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 – 1.825			
18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)			
19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:			
A check in the amount of \$1,130.00 for the filing fees and for the late submission the declaration document, Certificate of Express Mail No. EV 739992677 US and well as a return stamped addressed postcard.			

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